

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

PLEXXIKON INC.,

Plaintiff,

v.

NOVARTIS PHARMACEUTICALS
CORPORATION,

Defendant.

Case No. [17-cv-04405-HSG](#)

**ORDER DENYING MOTION FOR
RELIEF FROM NON-DISPOSITIVE
PRETRIAL ORDER**


Re: Dkt. No. 114

On December 19, 2018, Magistrate Judge Elizabeth D. Laporte's issued an amended order conditionally granting Plaintiff Plexxikon, Inc.'s request for letters of request, allowing it to obtain discovery from Novartis entities located in Switzerland. *See* Dkt. No. 112. Defendant Novartis Pharmaceuticals Corporation filed a motion for relief from Judge Laporte's non-dispositive pretrial order on December 21. *See* Dkt. No. 114.

A pretrial order by a magistrate judge will be reversed only if it "is clearly erroneous or contrary to law." 28 U.S.C. § 636(b)(1)(A). The Court has carefully reviewed Judge Laporte's amended order, Defendant's motion, and the relevant legal authorities. Judge Laporte's amended order is well-reasoned and thorough. The Court affirms the non-dispositive order because it is not "clearly erroneous or contrary to law." *See Grimes v. City & Cty. of San Francisco*, 951 F.2d 236, 240 (9th Cir. 1991). Accordingly, the Court **DENIES** Defendant's motion for relief from Judge Laporte's non-dispositive pretrial order.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

Dated: 2/5/2019


HAYWOOD S. GILLIAM, JR.
United States District Judge